

12 November 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 12 November 1965

[redacted] of OCI gave a background briefing on nonmilitary aspects of South Vietnam.

DD/I noted some suggestion by General Taylor's staff that a weekly Agency memorandum covering counterinsurgency situations be coordinated with other agencies and made a national publication. It was agreed that this was not desirable.

R. J. Smith commended two special OCI articles in the current Weekly Review. One deals with air defenses in North Vietnam and South China, the other with the economic situation in China.

Smith and DD/S&T both commented on the current Soviet lunar probe to Venus. There have been eight such attempts. If this one works, it should arrive at Venus on 28 February. It carries a payload of about one ton.

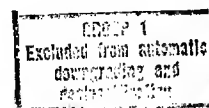
[redacted] reported that he had refused to grant a waiver for SI clearance to a man being considered by the Air Force as [redacted]. It was agreed that [redacted] would contact [redacted] about this and that [redacted] would prepare a memo for the DCI setting forth the background.

DD/S noted that a union called the National Federation of Federal Employees will begin a recruitment program in January and the Agency is specifically exempted and no action is required.

DD/S reported that examination of the Agency power failure on 9 November showed that a loose coupling on the generator was the cause. The incident has also resulted in arrangements to step up the pace of periodic checking of the equipment related to our emergency power.

Houston reported that a recommendation will be prepared for the DCI dealing with the vacancy on our Senate subcommittee caused by Senator Byrd's resignation.

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DD/S&T reported on the loss of another BLUE SPRINGS drone yesterday. He reported on two additional recent meetings with John Foster, the DOD DDR&E. One covered the work of DD/I and the other community aspects.

25X1 At DCI inquiry DD/S&T covered the status of equipment [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The DOD is testing equipment in Michigan. The test series is expected to be complete in January or February.

25X1 DD/S&T reported a meeting he had with Alexis Johnson on 10 November to discuss OXCART [redacted]

At DCI inquiry DD/S&T explained that there are three separate panels currently studying [redacted] one deals with/effectiveness, 25X1
another deals with technical matters, and another with management responsibilities.

At DCI inquiry DD/S&T reported on current interagency efforts to respond to SecDef's recent queries about OXCART, U-2's, and the SR-71.

25X1 DD/P noted that it is not [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] to meet or brief Senator Mansfield or his party currently traveling in this area.

DD/P noted the Washington Post article this morning concerning two missing Army men. The background of one of them -- [redacted] - was 25X1
described. He was a polygraph operator with extensive knowledge of Army intelligence operations. Nothing is known of the other individual. (See Action 2)

ACTIONS:

1. DD/S is to find out who will be assigned the job of intelligence advisor under John Foster in DDR&E. (DD/S -- status report by 19 November) ~~DD&E~~

2. ACSI, General Davis, is to be informed of the DCI's regret that the Agency was not advised on the case of Chief Warrant Officer Spencer D. Harris, Jr. Arrangements are to be made to get the facts on this case. (DD/S -- status report by 19 November) ~~DD&E~~

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